Bathanarius

(d. 408)

BRIEFING

Bathanarius (died 408) was a politician of the Western Roman Empire, *comes Africae* and brother-in-law of Stilicho.

LIFE

Bathanarius married a sister of the powerful general Stilicho. He is attested as *comes Africae* since 401. In 408, when Stilicho was put to death by order of Emperor Honorius, Bathanarius was executed by imperial order and succeeded by Heraclianus.

Augustine of Hippo retells a story he had been told by bishop Severus of Milev, who had seen Bathanarius doing a trick with a magnet during a party.